

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

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FROM:
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Coordination of Congressional Testimony

REFERENCE: OLC 80-0786, Dated 31 March 1980

1. The Staff of the DCI Security Committee and the Committee Members have on occasion raised the same issue you address and seek to correct. Accordingly, we are pleased to extend our full support to you in this regard.

2. There is one issue we would like to bring to your attention. While the SECOM itself does not generate many papers for the DCI's use in testimony, we have been asked by the DIA for guidance on appropriate markings and security caveats on documents provided the Congress. This issue was raised in recognition of the fact that departments and agencies use different control markings on essentially the same type of material - in particular Sensitive Compartmented Intelligence (SCI). The SECOM has proposed that all departments use a common security system for identifying and marking SCI. In general we have all agreed to do so. Nonetheless we continue to see some material being sent to the Hill which bears a generic notice of "Sensitive" rather than definitive handling and control instructions.

3. As the new, Presidentially approved, single Special Access Control System, APEX, gets rolling, we ask your assistance in insuring that the markings called for are adopted and used by all Agency components on material sent to the Hill.

4. If you would like information or instructions on APEX for your staff, please feel free to call me on

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